

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of the present reissue application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-81 are pending, original Claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 55, 57, 64, 77 and 78 having been amended, and new Claims 21-81 having been added by way of the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action Claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and Claims 17-81 were indicated as being allowed.

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the identification of allowable subject matter.

In reply, Claims 1, 5, 9 and 13 were amended consistent with 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. In particular, the language “control means for controlling entire behaviors” has been deleted and replaced with “a central processing unit”. Support for this amendment is explained below and therefore, no new matter is added.

Support in specification for amendments to Claims 1, 5, 9 and 13

The “control means” for each of these claims has been replaced with - - a central processing unit - -. Support for the central processing unit (“CPU”) is at least found in Fig. 7, element 41.

It is believed that the amendment to Claims 1, 5, 9 and 13 adds no new matter and adequately addresses the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. However, if the Examiner disagrees, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned so that mutually agreeable claim language may be identified.

Claims 77 and 78 have been amended to correct an informality. In particular, Claims 77 and 78 are directed to systems that include a hard disc. However, later in the claims the term “the memory” was erroneously included in the claims instead of the proper language - - hard disc - -.

Support in specification for amendments to Claims 77 and 78

Support for the “hard disc” in Claims 77 and 78 is found at least at Fig. 7, element 45. Therefore no new matter is added.

A portion of the subject matter in Claim 57 has been added to Claims 55 and 64, so as to change the scope of Claims 55 and 64.

Support in specification for amendments to Claims 55 and 64

The expander is support by compressor/expansion circuit 46 in Fig. 7 of the drawings. Therefore, no new matter is added.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, and in light of the indication of allowable subject matter, it is believed that the present reissue application is in condition for formal allowance and an action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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